

## HR 2740

To establish an Office of Colonia Affairs within the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

**Introduced:** Apr 20, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. (Apr 20, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

| Committee             | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Agriculture Committee | House   | Referred To | Apr 20, 2023 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary

(as of Apr 20, 2023)

This bill establishes the Office of Colonia Affairs within the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide information and resources about federal programs and funding for colonias. Colonias are economically distressed communities near the U.S.-Mexico border. Under the bill, a community must be determined to be a colonia by USDA on the basis of objective criteria, including the lack of a potable water supply, adequate sewage systems, and decent housing.

### Actions Timeline

- **Apr 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 20, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.